A number of chemicals are used in the manufacture of foam, including isocyanates. When these are burnt, the emissions may include methyl isocyanate (MIC). As per information available, the amounts of isocyanates imported during 1991-92, 1992-94 and 1994-95 are 5349 tons 15353 tons and 7221 tons respectively.

Pollution in Rivers

7952. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution of major rivers has become a major cause of water borne diseases;

(b) whether the Ministry is monitoring the pollution of major rivers like River Godavari;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) if not, how Government propose to institute permanent machinery to monitor water quality on rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The pollution of rivers is one of the causes of water borne diseases for the population that use the river water for drinking or bathing purposes.

(b) The Central Pollution Control Board through State Pollution Control Boards monitors the water quality of major rivers including river Godavari.

(c) and (d) The monitoring results revealed that river Godavari is polluted in the stretch around Nasik and Nanded in Maharashtra and Manchurial, Bhadrachalam, Rajamundry and Ramagrundam in Andhra Pradesh.

Guidelines for Holding Press Conferences Abroad

7953. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued directives to our diplomatic missions abroad, for the guidance of our leaders on visit to foreign countries, in regard to their meeting and addressing the people and visiting different places;

(b) whether any violation of these directives has come to the notice of Government;

(c) if so, the nature of violations received; and

(d) whether Government propose to further strengthen those guidelines to ensure their follow-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

भारत को दक्षिण अफ्रीका के सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में निवेश की पेशकश

7954. श्री अनन्तराव देशमुख दवे :

श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दक्षिण अफ्रीका की सरकार ने अपने देश के सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में निवेश करने के लिए भारतीय उद्यमियों तथा भारत सरकार को आमंत्रित किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या वहां के सरकारी शिष्टमंडल की हाल की यात्रा के दौरान भारत सरकार के साथ इस संबंध में किसी समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं ;